

## Community Parks

**4 Barn Bluff (43 Acres)** Red Wing's best known landmark, Barn Bluff, was partially donated to the city in 1910. It is significant for its geology and its association with prehistoric and native peoples. It was the source of much of the limestone used for building foundations in Red Wing's early days. The balance of the park acreage was purchased in 1911 to protect it from further quarrying. Barn Bluff was placed on The National Register of Historic Places on August 8, 1990. The park atop the bluff provides a scenic lookout over the Mississippi River and the city. The 350-foot cliff features moderate to hard climbs and a historical stairway that was installed by the local Kiwanis Club in 1929 which, for decades, have helped provide access to this unique vantage point.

**5 Bay Point (15 Acres)** In the early 1980s, Bay Point Park was developed on the site of a former landfill. It is positioned on a peninsula which juts out into the only stretch of the entire Mississippi River that flows from west to east marking the river's only 90-degree bend. Bay Point Park offers a 2/3-mile lit walking loop around the perimeter of the park, a playground, sand volleyball court, and a marina.

**12 Central Park (2 Acres)** Built in 1871, the park is located in the heart of downtown between Fourth and Fifth Streets and East and West Avenues. It was the original site of Hamline University which was relocated in 1869 to St. Paul. The City of Red Wing purchased the Hamline block in 1871 to establish a park there. Thanks to a generous private donation, the park is being renovated with a grand opening planned for July 4 2009. A focal point of the park, the new band shell, is being designed with state-of-the-art acoustics to be capable of supporting today's entertainment needs.

**13 Colvill (40 Acres)** Colvill Park was named for Red Wing's Civil War hero Colonel William Colvill. The park was used for many years as a relatively unimproved picnic and recreational area. In 1930, an elaborate "Master Plan" was developed calling for a large swimming pool and bath house, tennis courts, picnic grounds and numerous flower gardens among other amenities. Today's Colvill Park is home to all those amenities plus a walking path, a marina, a fully-furnished Colvill Courtyard pavilion (available to rent) and an Universal?Playground. The park also features an Aquatic Center with zero-depth pool, waterslides, diving boards, sand play area, sundeck furnished with loungers, umbrellas and concession stand.

**Colvill Courtyard**

- Accommodates up to 200 guests
- Outdoor landscaped area provides additional picnic table seating
- Air conditioned and heated
- Franklin fireplace
- Serving area with countertops, electrical outlets, commercial-sized refrigerator and a sink (No utensils or plates are provided)

**18 John Rich (.5 Acres)** Another important park development which occurred in the early 1900s was John Rich Park. It is Red Wing's gateway into downtown from the west. The classically designed park is landscaped with a fountain, pergola, limestone-stamped sidewalks, granite benches, and symmetrically designed plantings including winding rows of multi-colored roses. A Veteran's Memorial was installed on the north end of the park in 1988 to honor all Goodhue County citizens who have lost their lives during military service. Many of the historic elements of the park were restored between 1987 and 1990.

**20 LaGrange (.49 Acres)** LaGrange Park was also constructed in the 1980s adjacent to the newly restored block of buildings downtown known as the Riverfront Centre. The name "LaGrange" was the name given to Barn Bluff by a Frenchman who first saw it looming like a grange ("barn" in French) as they approached it from Lake Pepin. This French version of Red Wing's most well-known landmark was chosen to name the plaza located adjacent to the newly restored Riverfront Centre. The centerpiece of the park is the water fountain which drains into a cascading waterfall to a pool below.

**21 Levee Park (6 Acres)** In 1904, Levee Park was the first major park project. In an agreement between the City of Red Wing and the Milwaukee Road Railroad Company for trackage concessions, the railroad agreed to construct a new depot and donated \$20,550 to begin improvements of the levee and park area. The classically designed park was completed between 1905 and 1906. It is Red Wing's riverboat docking site and affords a view of the Eisenhower Bridge over the Mississippi River as well as a view of Wisconsin's shore.

**23 Memorial (268 Acres)** Memorial Park was developed in the early 1920s on Sorin's Bluff, across from Barn Bluff, as a World War I Memorial. Additional acreage has been added to Memorial Park making it Red Wing's largest park with 265 acres. Like Barn Bluff, its scenic vista provides an overlook of land and water for many miles. The park has five miles of hiking and biking trails, picnic tables, a disk golf course, and open spaces to explore. The park is accessible each spring through late fall.

**24 Mississippi National Golf Links (301 Acres)** Mississippi National Golf Links was established in 1986. The city helped build the 36-hole championship public golf course and it is managed through a private operator. It features two sections of 18 holes each. The first 18 holes have been designed as a traditional style course located in the lowlands of the Hiawatha Valley. The second 18 holes were opened in 1999 in the highlands. Mississippi National also offers the Golf Links Trail which spans the lowlands course and is open in the winter for cross-country skiers. This 2.5-mile scenic trail, which starts and ends at the clubhouse, winds through the wooded area surrounding the golf course.

**26 Pottery Pond (11.61 Acres)** Pottery Pond is a unique park development where improvements are currently being made. The local Rotary Club and a local business have partnered to develop this park. It consists of a four-acre pond stocked with bass and blue gill fish which has been developed with assistance from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. It has a handicap-accessible fishing pier. As a result of a strong youth volunteer effort, a skate park was added at Pottery Pond Park in 2006. In 2007, an interpretive exhibit was created at the park providing historical information about Red Wing's pottery industry.

## Recreational Sites

**1 A.P. Anderson (43 Acres)** A.P. Anderson Park, located at 101 Johnson Ave in Red Wing, offers a variety of recreational facilities including softball fields, tennis courts, open space for running and flying kites, hiking paths and a link to the paved Cannon Valley Trail from the lower portion of the park. One lap on the paved path around A.P. Anderson Park is 1.5 miles.

**2 Athletic Field (25.9 Acres)** The Red Wing Athletic Field is considered by many to be one of the finest baseball fields in Minnesota. It also provides playground facilities.

**10 Cannon Valley Trail (20 Miles)** The Cannon Valley Trail is a 20-mile, paved hiking, biking, and inline skating path that runs from Red Wing to Cannon Falls and averages nearly 80,000 visitors annually. A "Wheel Pass" for bicyclists, inline skaters, and users of other wheeled recreational devices is required, at a cost of \$3 per year. During the winter the trail is set up for cross-country skiing.

## Neighborhood Parks

In addition to Red Wing's abundant community parks, there are dozens of neighborhood parks nestled within blocks of every home which include a

variety of recreational facilities such as playgrounds, skating rinks, and soccer fields.

# Red Wing

A city with scenic parks and recreational hot spots for all ages and interests



Beautiful Red Wing scenic overlook at the top of Memorial Park.

## Reserving City Parks

### Using City Parks for Private Functions

The City of Red Wing has 12 different park shelters or pavilions available for use by the public. Each of these shelters can be reserved for any portion of the day, or for the entire day, from approximately mid-May through mid-October.

Red Wing's scenic parks have become popular venues for hosting private events. The procedure for using public property and resources includes the completion of a Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) application. This process, typically, requires a minimum of 30 days to gain approval. For events that draw large crowds or place demands on staffing, a six-month lead time allows adequate time to make arrangements and seek approvals.

Additional considerations for event planners include handling food vendors and insurance. Events including food sales must gain approval through the Goodhue County Public Health Department. The food certificate must accompany the PUPP that is submitted to the Public Works Department. All events must show proper proof of insurance and list the City of Red Wing as an additional insured party.

For more information about PUPP applications or city park facilities reservations, contact the Public Works Department at 385.3674 or visit [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org) and click on the "Parks" link in the Main Menu.



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Red Wing's Universal Playground at Colvill Park.

## Universal Playground

Red Wing's newest addition to its park system is the universal playground recently built at Colvill Park. The equipment, ground surface and entrances have been designed to be free of barriers for people of all ages and physical abilities. This type of facility hasn't existed in Red Wing until now. The vision for this playground was created by Red Wing residents Audra Quandt and Heather Marx and quickly gained support from the City Council, the Red Wing School District, other parents and local physical therapists. Many individuals and groups donated time and funding to build the playground.

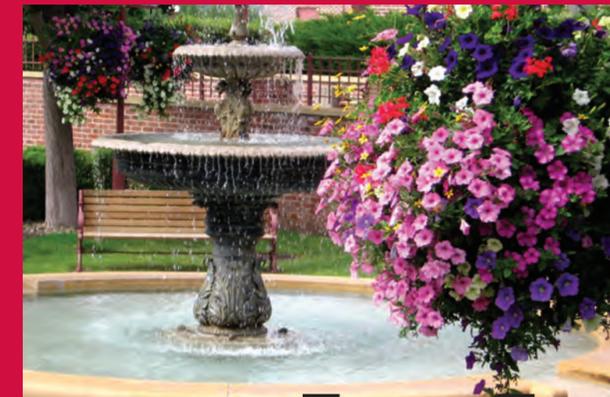
## Adopt A Park

Take ownership of the beautification of a city park. Through the Adopt-a-Park program, an individual or a group can pick up litter, plant flowers and help with park improvements. Contact the Public Works Department at 388.3674 for more information.

## Park Use Reminders

- Parks hours are from sunrise until 10:30 p.m. each day.
- Pets must be kept under control and on a leash at all times.
- Pet waste must be removed promptly.
- Soil, rocks, stones, trees, shrubs, plants, down-timber or other wood materials may not be removed from parks.
- It is unlawful to damage or remove any tree or plant or to pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant in parks.
- Digging is prohibited in parks.
- It is unlawful for any person in a park to pollute the grounds or waters of any park.
- Glass beverage containers are not allowed in parks.
- Starting fires is not allowed in parks except in barbecue pits, or charcoal grills.

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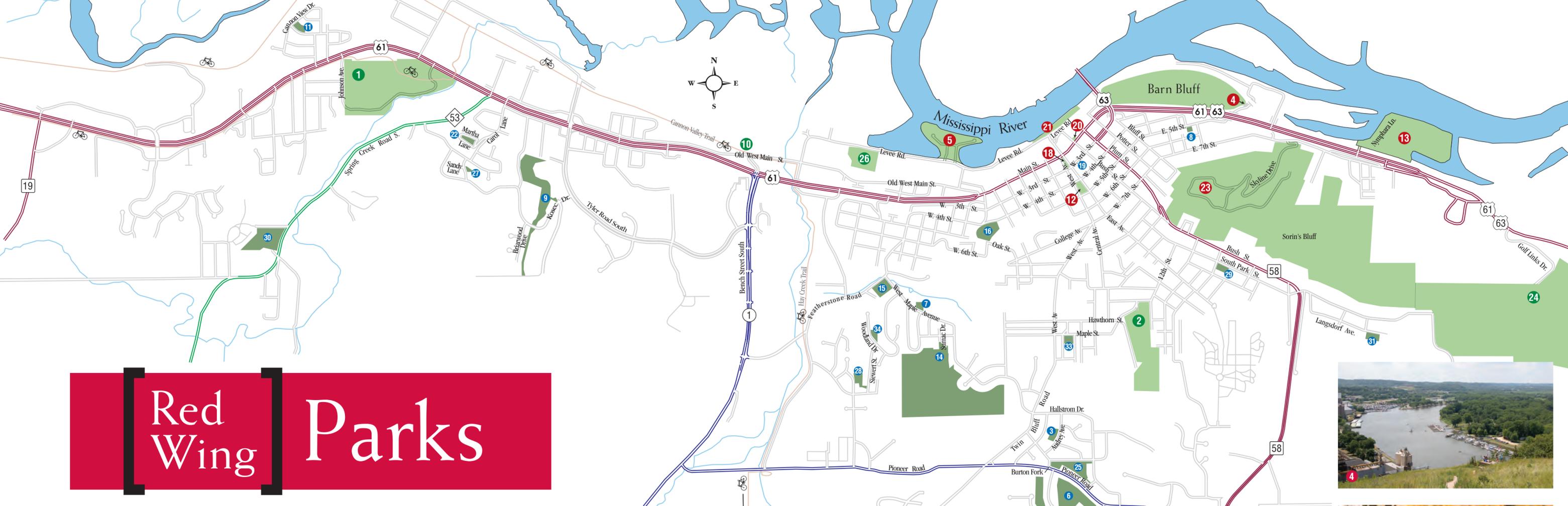
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# Location of Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Recreational Sites

- Community Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Recreational Sites

1	A.P. Anderson	101 Johnson Avenue
2	Athletic Field	400 Hawthorn Street
3	Audrey/Grandview	Audrey Avenue
4	Barn Bluff	500 East Fifth Street (Steps to Trail)
5	Bay Point	1392 Levee Road
6	Pine Ridge Park	Pine Ridge Blvd.
7	Birchwood	Birchwood & West Maple Ave
8	Bluff View	329 East Fifth Street
9	Briarwood	Kosec Dr and Briarwood Dr
10	Cannon Valley Trail	Trailhead on Old West Main (near Bench)
11	Cannon View	Cannon View Drive
12	Central	515 West Fourth Street
13	Colvill	510 Nymphara Lane
14	Coon Hill	Walking access from top of Sumac Drive
15	Featherstone	West Maple Ave near Featherstone Rd
16	Friedrich Civic/ Historical Society	1176 Oak Street
17	Hi Park Easement	Frenn Ave (access to Hi Park Playground)
17	Hi Park Playground	Frenn Ave & Fridell Crescent
18	John H. Rich	218 West Ave
19	Jordon Court	423 West Third Street
20	LaGrange Park	330 Main Street
21	Levee	432 Levee Road
22	Martha Lane	Martha Lane
23	Memorial Park	542 East Seventh Street
24	Mississippi National Golf Links	409 Golf Links Drive
25	Pine Valley	Pioneer Road & Burton Fork
26	Pottery Pond	1845 Levee Street
27	Sandy Lane	Sandy Lane
28	Siewert Street Park	Siewert & Neal Street
29	South Park	1504 South Park Street
30	Spring Creek	950 Spring Creek Road So
31	Sun Valley	Langsdorf Ave
32	Sunny Meadow	Sunny Meadow Lane
33	Sunnyside	Maple Street
34	Woodland Park	Woodland Drive



# Red Wing Parks

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Band Shell	Bike Trail	Fountain	Picnic Shelters	Scenic Overlook	Universal Playground
Baseball	Boat Ramp	Garden	Picnic Tables	Sculptures	Veteran's Memorial
Basketball	X-Country Skiing	Grills	Playground	Skate Park	Volleyball
	Disc Golf	Hiking	Reserve Facilities	Swimming	Walking Path
	Fishing	Natural Areas	Restrooms	Tennis	Winter Ice Rink

